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Sir:

In the Restriction Requirement mailed November 3, 2003, the Examiner stated that the application contains claims directed to nine distinct groups of inventions, the first group, claims 1-14, drawn to a method of scheduling an appointment, classified in class 705, subclass 8; the second group, claims 15-21, drawn to a method of authorizing services for a new patient by a medical service provider, classified in class 235, subclass 382; the third group, claims 22-23, drawn to a method for establishing an appropriate visit duration for a medical patient, classified in class 702, subclass 176; the fourth group, claims 24-26, drawn to a method of predicting the insolvency of a third party payor, classified in class 705, subclass 4; the fifth group, claims 27-31, drawn to a method of recommending reading material for a patient in accordance with a medical need, classified in class 434, subclass 262; the sixth group, claims 32-34, drawn to a method of ordering a prescription over the

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Internet, classified in class 705, subclass 26; the seventh group, claims 35-36 and 64, drawn to a method of ordering supplies for a medical service provider by evaluating existing inventory amounts, classified in class 705, subclass 28; the eighth group, claims 37-38 and 62-63, drawn to a method of billing using a superbill, classified in class 705, subclass 40; and the ninth group, claims 39-61, drawn to a method for generating a relative value for a least one medical service, classified in class 705, subclass 2. The Examiner required the applicant to elect a single disclosed group for prosecution on the merits.

Applicants hereby elect for prosecution on the merits the ninth group, which is drawn to a method for generating a relative value for a least one medical service, as represented by claims 39-61 without traverse.

Applicants request that claims 1-38 and 62-64 be canceled so that applicant may file them in a later divisional application.

If any fees, including extension of time fees, are due as a result of this response, please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0513. This authorization is intended to act as a constructive petition for an extension of time, should an extension of time be needed as a result of this response. The examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if this would in any way advance the prosecution of this case.

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